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SUBJECT: LORENZO MIGUEL AND EFFORTS TO HEAL LABOR SPLIT

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1. FOLLOWING LENGTHY SEPTEMBER 3 MEETING OF 62 ORGANIZATIONS' DIRECTIVE BOARD, LABOR LEADER LORENZO MIGUEL ANNOUNCED HE HAD BEEN GRANTED 30-DAY LEAVE OF ABSENCE FROM 62 AND METAL WORKERS UNION (UOM) TO ENABLE HIME TO ACCEPT LONG STANDING INVITATIONS FROM LABOR ORGANIZATIONS IN OTHER COUNTRIES. ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT SPECIFY HIS DEPARTURE DATE, HE INDICATED HE WOULD BE VISITING SPAIN, ITALY, ROMANIA, LIBYA AND NORTH KOREA. DURING HIS ABSENCE CONSTRUCTION WORKERS (UOCRA) SEC GEN ROGELIO PAPAGNO WILL BE 62 ORGANIZATIONS' SPOKESMAN. THE UOM WILL BE DIRECTED BY ITS SUBSEC GEN GUERRERO, A SUPPORTER OF BA GOVERNOR VICTORIO CALABRO WHO HAS OPENLY OPPOSED MIGUEL'S POLITICAL MANEUVERINGS OF PAST FEW WEEKS.

2. ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS, THE 62 WILL RELEASE COMMUNIQUE WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS DETAILING ITS POSITION WITH REFERENCE TO REQUEST MAXIMIANO CASTILLO OF GLASS WORKERS UNION AND CONSTANTINO ZORILA OF MEAT WORKERS FEDERATION TO "EXPLAIN ATTITUDES" OF LABOR LEADERS PATALAGOITIA AND RUBEO, MEMBERS OF THEIR UNIONS, REGARDING ACTIVITIES PROMOTING ANTI-VERTICALIST

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3. COMMENT. ACCORDING LABOR SOURCES, IT BELIEVED THAT EFFORTS TO HEAL LABOR DIVISIONS GENERATED BY MIGUEL'S SUPPORT FOR OUSTED ARMY CINC LAPLANE CAN BEST BE CARRIED OUT IF MIGUEL TAKES SHORT LEAVE OF ABSENCE. LEAVE DOES NOT SIGNIFY THAT MIGUEL IS ON HIS WAY OUT AS HE STILL MAINTAINS CONSIDERABLE INFLUENCE WITHIN LABOR MOVEMENT. NVERTHELESS, EFFORTS BY CALABRO AND OTHER PRETENDERS TO THE THRONE TO FURTHER UNDERMINE HIM CAN BE EXPECTED DURING HIS ABSENCE.

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